

THE LEGISLATURE

Sweet Saturday Brings Needed Rest to Most of the Weary, Waiting Members.

Several Bills of Importance to a Great Number of People Pass the Lower House.

The Council, Staid and Sober as Usual, Get Down to Solid Business and Transact It.

One sweetly solemn thought comes to the casual thinker on things temporal and that is that the present legislative assembly is approaching dissolution and will soon be numbered with the things that were, but should not have been. Not that the present legislature has not accomplished something, but it has done so little that it is not worth speaking of. The bill concerning pawnbrokers and junk dealers passed the house, and seltzer water bottles are safe after this. The concurrent resolution for the relief of Auditor Sullivan was killed. House bill No. 49, assignment of estates of debtors to creditors, and house bill No. 53, to fill vacancies in the offices of county commissioners, passed the house. The council was busy all day, but did not do much of general interest.

THE COUNCIL.

On the fifty-fifth day of the session ten members of the council were present and ready for duty.

Middleton presented a petition signed by forty-two citizens of Silver Bow praying for the passage of council bill No. 53, relating to the issuance of bonds by school districts. Referred to committee on education and labor.

Hoffman, from the committee on education and labor, reported council bill No. 49, with amendments and the recommendation that as amended the bill pass. Placed on general orders.

Brown, from the judiciary committee, reported the nominations of W. E. Cullen for attorney general and Miss Lou Guthrie for territorial librarian, without recommendation.

Council bill No. 34, relating to assessment of life insurance companies, was reported correctly engrossed and passed to third reading.

Middleton, from special committee, reported house bill No. 43, relating to the appointment of a commission for the codification of the laws of Montana with amendments, and recommended that the bill pass; also house bill No. 14, for conveyance of dower rights of insane married women, with amendments and recommendation that the bill pass.

Council bill No. 12, with house substitute, relating to the drawing of juries, was referred to the judiciary committee.

Council bill No. 8, the Australian voting bill, was reported, and the house amendments were concurred in except sections 18 and 20, and a committee of conference was appointed consisting of Kennedy, Olds and Hatch.

House bill No. 63, to repeal section 1595, Fifth division Compiled Statutes, relating to territorial officers, was filed for third reading.

House bill No. 46, relating to appointment of deputy veterinary surgeons, was read and referred to the committee on grazing and stock raising.

House bill No. 30, to amend section 5 of compiled statutes, concerning licensing of retail liquor sellers, was read third time and lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Collins, Hatch and Middleton—3. Nays—Brown, Cullen, Hoffman, Kennedy, Olds, Thompson and Cole—7.

Council bill No. 37, relating to assessment of life insurance companies was read the third time and passed.

House bill No. 65 was read the third time and passed by unanimous vote.

Council bill No. 30, an act concerning roads and highways was reported from the committee with the recommendation that with amendments the bill pass. Placed on general orders.

The council resolved itself into committee of the whole, Hatch in the chair, and considered council bill No. 36, relating to town and village plats which was amended and recommended to pass.

Hoffman, from the committee on education and labor, reported back the nomination of A. C. Logan for territorial superintendent of public instruction, a favorable recommendation. Passed.

The president signed house bill No. 50, council joint resolution No. 13 and council bill No. 17.

Recess till 3 p. m.

Kennedy, from the conference committee on council bill No. 8, the Australian voting bill, reported that the committee on the part of the house would recommend that the house recede from its amendments to section 18 and moved that the bill be returned to the house for action by that body. Adopted.

Hoffman, from the committee on education and labor, reported, recommending that the prayer of petitioners of Butte for passage of council bill No. 53, relating to the issuance of school bonds, be granted.

The council resolved itself into committee of the whole, Hatch in the chair, and considered council joint resolution No. 16 favorably, which appropriates \$500 for the printing 10,000 copies of the constitution of 1884 and 5,000 copies of the enabling act; \$150 for the expense of mailing and directing the same; and a directing the territorial secretary to retain 200 copies for the use of the constitutional convention.

House bill No. 14, relating to the dower of insane married women, and council bill No. 54, to reimburse sheriffs holding office in 1885 for board of prisoners, were favorably reported.

Council resumed and the president signed house bill No. 42, which requires county treasurers to advertise that funds are available for the payment of county warrants.

On motion of Thompson the council adjourned until Monday at 11 a. m.

THE HOUSE.

The joint enrollment committee reported first yesterday morning, after the preliminaries, as follows: That house bill No. 20, to protect owners of bottles and siphons; house bill No. 35, to amend section 334 of the compiled statutes; house bill No. 39, concerning the Montana law library; and house bill No. 47, to amend sections 41 and 44 of chapter three of the first division of the compiled statutes, had been handed to the governor for his signature.

The same committee submitted to the speaker for his signature house bill No. 50, to provide a private secretary for the governor.

The incorporations committee recommended house bill No. 56, providing compensation for mayor and aldermen of incorporated cities, to pass. The bill was placed on general orders.

The elections and territorial affairs committee recommended house bill No. 53, to fill vacancies in the office of county commissioners, to pass. The bill was placed on general orders.

House bill No. 41, to regulate the business of pawnbrokers and junk dealers,

house bill No. 39, entitled probate practice act, and house bill No. 57, concerning public administrators, were reported correctly engrossed and placed on the calendar for a third reading.

The council returned house bill No. 42, to advertise county warrants, which passed that body; also house bill No. 45, relating to railroad corporations, which failed to pass the council. House bill No. 42 was ordered to be enrolled.

House bill No. 41, concerning pawnbrokers and junk dealers passed the house unanimously; also house bill No. 57, to add a section to chapter 42, fifth division, compiled statutes, concerning public administrators.

The house went into committee of the whole, Whitney chairman.

The house resumed at 11:40.

The enrollment committee reported as ready for the speaker's signature.

Council bill No. 17, relating to the time when acts of the legislature shall take effect and council joint resolution No. 13, for the relief of F. R. Schaffer and J. V. Jerome.

The following were reported as correctly printed: House bill No. 60, to define the meaning of the term "business hours" in section 911, fifth division of the general laws, and house bill No. 61, to amend section 755 of the fifth division of the compiled statutes.

House bill No. 61 was referred to committee on elections, and house bill No. 60 was referred to committee on judiciary.

A message from the governor was read, stating that he had approved and signed the following: House bill No. 35, relating to printing and posting of city ordinances; house bill No. 39, concerning the law library; house bill No. 50, to protect the owners of bottles and siphons; and house bill No. 47, relating to the limitation of actions.

The report of the committee of the whole was received and disposed of as follows: House bill No. 32, concerning married women, referred to a committee, consisting of Hunt, Congdon and Murray.

House bill No. 66, relating to compensation of aldermen and mayors of incorporated cities was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 53, to fill vacancies in the office of county commissioners was ordered engrossed.

A communication from the council was read stating that the council had concurred in all house amendments to council bill No. 8, to print and distribute bills of the public expense, except the amendments to sections 18 and 20, and asking for a conference committee upon the part of the house.

Moore, Saxton and Willis were appointed such committee.

House bill No. 49, relating to the assignment of the estates of debtors to creditors, was placed on the calendar for third reading.

House joint resolution No. 12, for the relief of James Sullivan, was taken up with a select committee recommendation that it pass.

Moore moved to amend the report by having it received and further consideration of the resolution indefinitely postponed.

Blakely called for the ayes and nays.

The resolution was then indefinitely postponed by the following vote:

Ayes—Comfort, Congdon, Davis, Hunt, Jones, Joslyn, Moore, Murray, Roberts, Waite, Whitney, Willis, Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Blakely, Flowers, Caever, Gillette, Haskell, Johnson, Saxton, Swiggert—8.

Absent—Garrett, Pickman, Rea.

The towns, counties and highways committee reported and recommended the passage of council bill No. 34, providing for road districts.

Placed on general orders.

The speaker signed the following: Council bill No. 17, relating to the time when acts of the legislature shall take effect, and council joint resolution No. 13, for the relief of F. R. Schaffer and J. V. Jerome.

Recess until 2 p. m.

As soon as the roll was called at the afternoon session, house bill No. 49, relating to assignments of estates of debtors to creditors was put on final passage.

Joslyn wanted to strike out section 27, but objection was made. He then moved for a suspension of the rules in order to amend, but the motion was lost by a vote of 10 to 13.

It then passed the house by the following vote:

Ayes—Comfort, Davis, Haskell, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Murray, Rea, Saxton, Waite, Whitney—11.

Nays—Congdon, Flowers, Gillette, Joslyn, Moore, Pickman, Roberts, Swiggert, Willis, Mr. Speaker—10.

The towns, counties and highways committee reported house bill No. 51, relating to the purchase and construction of county bridges, with an amendment, and recommended its passage as amended. Placed on general orders.

Joslyn asked permission to change his vote on house bill No. 49 to aye, but it was objected to.

House bill No. 53, to fill vacancies in the office of county commissioner, then passed the house by a unanimous vote.

House bill No. 62, to extend the northern boundary of Fergus county, was then put on final passage, when Hunt said there was a serious question of the power of the legislature to delegate such authority to the county commissioners as the bill proposed. He then moved its postponement until 11 o'clock next Monday morning.

The council returned house bill No. 30, relating to licenses, it having failed to pass that body; also house bill No. 63, which passed the council without amendment, and transmitting council bill No. 37, relating to assessment of life insurance companies. Also council bill No. 8, to provide for the printing and distributing of ballots at the public expense, together with house amendments, for further action by the house conference committee.

The conference committee reported recommending that the house recede from the amendments.

The speaker signed house bill No. 42. On account of committee work the house adjourned until 2 p. m. Monday.

FRESH ROASTED COFFEE.

The Facilities of the Montana Coffee and Spice Company.

Coffee, a most important item in our domestic economy, is entitled to more attention than it generally receives at a majority of breakfast tables.

"If the coffee is good everything is good," a fact so significant in itself that no other argument is needed to prove the all-importance of uniform success in the preparation of this one article.

Francis B. Thurber on "Coffee from Plantation to Cup."

We desire to call the attention of every lover of good coffee to one of Helena's recent enterprises and commend for it the attention of the public. About six months ago Messrs. H. S. and W. R. Krigbaum, two experienced coffee men after thoroughly looking over the field, found Helena abreast with the times in everything pertaining to enterprise, save that of supplying its trade with a fragrant coffee.

As it was, the people could not avail themselves of this luxury and were compelled to use old roasted coffee shipped from afar in dry cars and stored in stock for several months and sold to the trade; or those that desired a better coffee were obliged to buy the green berry and roast it at home.

These gentlemen at once formed the Montana Coffee & Spice Co., and placed in their establishment a complete outfit of modern machinery, with a capacity of supplying the whole state of Montana.

The company is located in the Gold block, where they have fitted up the finest office and retail rooms in the city.

Bicycle Riders.

All those interested in bicycling will please meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock at W. E. Norris Bros.'s to consider the feasibility of organizing a bicycling club.

BRISK BUSINESS.

Contracts Let for the Construction of Many Handsome Blocks and Residences.

Nothing Short of Handsome Stone Fronts Will Satisfy Our Progressive People of Taste.

Real Estate Dealers Report an Active Week in all kinds of Realty in Demand.

While on his usual round for real estate news yesterday an INDEPENDENT reporter met William Harrison of the Montana Granite company, who perhaps is better posted than any man in Helena on the building outlook.

"What do you think of the building prospects and the character of the structures to be erected the present season?" was asked.

"Building promises to be brisk this season," he said, "more so than ever before in the history of the city. It is not only the number of new buildings proposed to be erected, but their style, cost and general proportions is something remarkable even for Helena. Frame buildings, except perhaps for small, cheap tenements, will soon cease to be built in this city. Out of twenty-three residences we know the smallest of which is to cost \$3,000, fourteen are to be of stone and cut stone, mind you, at that. Several of these residences, like the proposed new business blocks, are to be 'stunners,' but then what's the use, the last man to build goes his neighbor one better. You see, with stone it is possible to get so much better architectural effects, both interior and exterior, than it is to produce with wood, and Helena people have a greater regard for better effects in building than most new cities."

"Do you think stone will yet become the universal material for exterior walls of all kinds of buildings in Helena?"

"Well, that only depends upon one thing. Our best, and in fact our only local building stones are from five to ten miles distant from the city; given cheap transportation and with the quantity, quality and variety of stone so near at hand, stone buildings will go up on every side."

"How many proposed buildings do you know of that are to cost to exceed \$5,000 each?"

"There's one hotel, four churches, twelve blocks, either wholly or partially for business purposes, one college and a dozen or more residences. These are all to be built either of stone or stone and brick. Yes, I think we have a fair share of the work already let; we have close upon \$48,000 in contracts already taken. Our force begins work at the quarry Monday."

"Do you cut your stone at the quarry?"

"Didn't I say just now that transportation was at present an obstacle in the way of universal use of stone? Every time a stone is handled it costs money; we cut everything in the quarry and save our customers the cost of hauling the waste. We have permanent accommodations for eighty men with plenty of shed room for the cutters in back, weather."

"No, we couldn't stop just now to say anything about the quality of the several kinds of stone we handle; our Mr. Hall is busy making preparations to start for Utah Monday to buy the brown stone for Mr. Bailey's block on Main street. We have found nothing like it yet in Montana, but have good prospects."

HEAVY TRANSACTIONS.

One of the biggest deals in dirt that has been made lately was the purchase of a valuable piece of ground near Payne's hotel, lots in block 504, Helena townsite, by L. G. Phelps and others. The deal has been a long time in consummation, owing to the number of persons owning an interest in the property and the deed to a small portion of the tract desired is not yet secured but will be. The amount paid by the syndicate is \$34,833.33, a bargain, as it has considered worth \$80,000. It is the intention of the purchasers to erect a fine business block soon, if not more than one.

Another heavy transaction of the week was the purchase of sixteen acres in the syndicate addition by R. C. Wallace for \$11,000.

Workmen have presented a lively scene on Main street where a large force have been engaged either excavating or tearing down old frame structures. The power block to be erected on the corner of Main and Sixth avenue will be pushed to completion as rapidly as men and money can accomplish it.

A visit among the real estate men found them all jubilant. Porter, Muth & Cox, Matheson & Steele and Ellis report the liveliest week of the season. Wallace & Thornburgh report being about sold out, and like the usual fair sales they are thinking of disposing of the remnants at auction. They have been very busy during the week and submit a summary of their sales as follows:

176 lots in Syndicate addition.....\$30,000
32 lots in Flower Garden.....11,350
18 lots in Seattle addition.....13,300
5 lots in Flower's addition.....5,400

Total.....\$60,050

On many of the lots the purchasers intend to build, and among the list the investors have been eastern capitalists. Realty is advancing all along the line, and to-day Helena dirt is the highest price in the territory, and the market is exceedingly active.

The following real estate transfers were filed in the recorder's office yesterday:

Richard Lockett et ux to William Weiss, lot 4 block 5, Lockett addition.....\$ 775
William Pease to James Grant, part of lot 14, block 45, Northern Pacific addition.....350

R. C. Wallace et ux to Mary J. Peck, lots 29, 30, 31, 32, block 165, Wallace's subdivision - syndicate addition.....1,000
R. C. Wallace et ux to David R. Fowler, lots 25, 26, 27, 28, block 165, Wallace's subdivision of syndicate addition.....710

John J. & code et ux to John Hagart et al, land in sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, block 405, Helena townsite.....34,833.33

PERSONAL.

Ben Kingsbury and Joe K. Clark came over from Butte last night.

J. Brown, of the Butte Miner, arrived yesterday and is taking in the sights of the capital.

Miss Reiffenrath pleasantly entertained a number of friends with a whist party at her home on Boulder avenue.

D. C. Corbin, the mining and railroad master, left for his home in New York yesterday, via the Northern Pacific.

A. D. Edgar, of the Northern Pacific company, took a run over to Butte yesterday on business for the company.

A large delegation of legislators left for Butte yesterday evening to partake of the hospitalities of the generous west side.

J. B. Sanford and family took their departure yesterday for Seattle and the Pacific coast, where they will remain visiting for some time.

Col. A. L. Stokes, general agent of the Northern Pacific, left last night for Chicago, having been apprised of the sudden serious illness of Mrs. Stokes.

J. N. Nind, proprietor of the Mississippi Valley Lumberman, of Minneapolis, was in the city yesterday, on his way home from a visit to the Puget Sound country.

Mrs. Thomas Gilchrist, wife of our well-known lumberman, left for California yesterday, accompanied by her mother, and intend to remain permanently in the golden state.

Scarf is running the finest restaurant on Grand street that has ever been in Helena.

Cardiff and Donaldson.

Jack Ryan, who fought Kessler at Butte, Thursday night, sent word by a friend that he would be on hand Tuesday evening and spar either Cardiff or Donaldson for the \$50 purse offered by the combination to any one whom either of the principals could not best in six rounds.

The home talent who will take part, will be Billy Hawkins, the clever light weight, Frank Shepley, Flynn Bros. and the two little "wonders," Jake and Aleck Goodman, George Shannon and Mickey. "The Grecian" is no child's play, but frequently degenerates into a slugging match, as it is impossible for Cardiff to do any light hitting.

Whittaker Hams.

Whittaker star hams and breakfast bacon at JOHN T. MURPHY & CO'S.

If you are in need of artificial teeth we would advise you to go and examine the beautiful celluloid sets—something new, at Drs. Stone & Head.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE.

Gentlemen Who Are Fond of Relating Stories Should Take Heed.

Not long since an INDEPENDENT reporter, in company with a quartet of old timers listened to their tales over the walnuts and wine, and was led to write a few lines afterwards which found a conspicuous place in the reading matter, and being unmarked the average reader would imagine it was unpaid for. But such was not the case. Every line was paid for and the gentlemen who made the remarks are responsible for them. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Corbett will bear no ill will towards the INDEPENDENT but that the most cordial and pleasant relations will exist in the future. Mrs. Corbett's opinion of the gentlemen who alluded to her in terms otherwise than endeavoring can be gleaned by a perusal of the following letter:

CAMAS, Idaho, March 6.—[To the editor.]—Having an article brought to my notice copied from your paper to the Salt Lake Tribune, in which there was a quartette of old-time yarn spinners rehearsing incidents that in their clouded minds seemed to have happened on the old stage road from Corrinne to Helena, Mont. Now, this man Schwab is the first I have to deal with, as he tells the first story, and it was certainly manufactured out of whole cloth, which I will endeavor to prove. Now, in the first place I never had a fire place in my house, where he claims to have been trying, together with Col. Sanders, to build a fire; and now the next evidence against this man Schwab's truthfulness is that Col. Sanders was never known by myself or any of the old residents of the road to ever have been in such company as this man Schwab. Now this man George Irvin starts his story by making the remark that I "was a dandy" and goes on to tell a flimsy story about poor potatoes, being poorly cooked. Now I want to prove to the public that he never was in condition to justly make any such remark about me, for he was usually in such shape when he arrived at the station that he could not distinguish a toad-stool from a violet, or tell the difference between a potato and a banana.

If I commanded so much respect at 190 pounds I ought to command twice that amount now, as I weigh 408, and I hope soon to be able to interview that quartette, together with my husband, who is an athlete, and weighs over 200 pounds himself. But in the meantime I will have my lawyer consult with these parties with a view to having the matter fixed up before the spring term of court. Hoping this hint is sufficient for the gentlemen in question, that in the future they will come themselves more closely to the truth. I am respectfully,

MRS. CORBETT.

GONE TO HIS REWARD.

John Shepherd, a Western Newspaper Man, Dies in Santa Fe.

At Santa Fe, New Mexico, last Saturday, there died suddenly of heart disease a man of whom it could be truthfully said:

"One knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise."

That man was John Shepherd, who at the time of his death was employed upon the Las Vegas Optic and was reporting the legislature for his paper. Perhaps no man was better known through Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico than John Shepherd, a prince among men. His life was kindly and gentle, and though reverses in fortune made him a bohemian, made him give up a luxurious home in the east to seek a livelihood in the west, his surroundings never for a moment dimmed the polish of his manhood.

He was born and reared in Philadelphia, Pa., entered the Union army when he was young as a private and rose to the rank of major, which rank he held when entered the mercantile business, amassing a large fortune. He was happily married and leaves four children. His wife died some years ago. By his good-heartedness he lost every cent of his handsome competence, having endorsed the notes of too many friends. He went to Colorado in 1878, and settled in Durango. He represented his county at the exposition held in Denver in 1880, and at its close remained in that city, taking a position on the Evening World. From the World he went on the News, and while on that paper his articles

first began to attract attention. His stories were purely western, written in a graphic, pleasing manner, and his writings made the News widely known. Many of his stories were translated into German, French and Italian. He remained with the News for a number of years, and then went to Leadville, where he worked for the Herald-Democrat and the Journal. He returned to Denver and from there went to Las Vegas. "Shep," as he was known to everybody, was not only a novelist and newspaper man, but an artist and a poet. His virtues were many, his faults few. May he rest lightly upon the breast which never harbored a thought of wrong against any man.

THEY PAY THEIR DEBTS.

A Millionaire Mine Owner Pays for a Grub Stake Secured Years Ago.

Sixteen years ago a prospector went to Hon. Thomas C. Power and told him that he would like to have a grub stake as he was out of money and wanted to go out prospecting. Mr. Power let him have goods to the amount of \$328.55. The prospector was charged on the books with the goods purchased, and every year since that \$328.55 has been carried forward on the ledger, but will not be after this. Yesterday the man who got the grub stake from Mr. Power, after sixteen years' absence, appeared in Helena and his first act was to seek out the man who aided him in years gone by and ask for his account. It was found—\$328.55.

"What does the interest and the debt amount to?" was asked.

Mr. Power figured awhile and replied \$80.92.

"Here is your money," said the prospector, handing Mr. Power a check for the amount, which was duly honored and cashed at the bank.

The old prospector who got a grub-stake from Mr. Power sixteen years ago discovered a mine which made him wealthy. To-day he is a millionaire many times over, but he did not forget the little debt to the man who befriended him, although that debt was outlawed.

REPORTORIAL NOTES.

A regular bus now run in connection with the motor line from Kessler's to the upper Hot Springs.

About forty witnesses in the Bryson case will leave for Boulder to-morrow, to be on hand for the trial.

Wis Cum Fie, a celestial female, is the proud mother of a young male celestial, which arrived in Helena yesterday morning.

Mrs. Heathwood will deliver a free lecture in Encore hall next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, on Christian Science Mental Healing.

There will be a morning session of the Helena board of trade at the parlors of the First National bank Monday, March 11 at 9:30 o'clock.

Rev. G. K. Berry will preach in the Christian church this morning on "Worship," and this evening on "Temperance from a Bible Standpoint." All invited.

The switchmen of the Northern Pacific and Montana Central have formed a mutual aid society and will hold a meeting some time this week to perfect the organization.

At St. Peter's church the rector will preach this morning upon "The Claims of the Soul Upon the Body." In the evening the first of a series upon "The Epistles to the Seven Churches of Asia." There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:45 a. m.

The emigrant travel westward continues to be something marvelous. Every passenger train passing through here has a crowd of settlers, principally for Washington territory. The train which passed here yesterday had twenty-two cars but was delayed in section at Belgrade.

The many friends of Ben Folk, the genial hotel clerk whose pleasant countenance has graced the Cosmopolitan for the past five years, will be pleased to learn that he is about to engage in a more lucrative pursuit. On the 15th instant he will form a partnership with R. Lockett in the real estate business. He has tendered his resignation to Schwab & Zimmerman, who perhaps more than anyone else will feel his loss. Ben's well known propensities as a rustler are sufficient to warrant that he will make a success in whatever he undertakes.